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SUBJECT: DELIVERY OF LETTER FROM KING HASSAN TO PRESIDENT
CARTER

REFS: (A) STATE 212523 (RABAT ONLY), (B) STATE 209872

1. BRIEF PRESENTATION OF LETTER (TEXT TRANSMITTED REF A)
CONCERNING KING HASSAN'S RESPONSE TO PRESIDENT CARTER'S
LETTER ON PENDING ISRAELI-EGYPTIAN TALKS AT CAMP DAVID,
MOROCCAN AMBASSADOR BENGELLOUN EMPHASIZED ORALLY TO UNDER
SECRETARY NEWSOM THE IMPORTANCE WHICH KING HASSAN ATTACHES
TO CAMP DAVID MEETINGS. AS IN DISCUSSION ON AUGUST 17
WITH ASSISTANT SECRETARY SAUNDERS, (REF B), BENGELLOUN
REITERATED MOROCCAN INTEREST IN ARAB SUMMIT AFTER CAMP

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DAVID TALKS TO WIN WIDER ARAB SUPPORT FOR MIDDLE EAST
PEACE. HE HELD OUT HOPE THAT U.S. COULD FIND SOME SMALL
COMMON DENOMINATOR WHICH WOULD PERMIT MOVEMENT TOWARD
PEACE. IN RESPONSE, UNDER SECRETARY NEWSOM PROMISED TO
HAVE KING'S LETTER DELIVERED TO PRESIDENT, WHO WAS OUT OF
TOWN. UNDER SECRETARY ACKNOWLEDGED IMPORTANCE WHICH
PRESIDENT CARTER ATTACHES TO KING'S OPINION ON MIDDLE EAST

SITUATION. HE PROMISED TO KEEP KING INFORMED ON OUTCOME OF TALKS.

2. WESTERN SAHARA. TURNING DISCUSSION TO WESTERN SAHARA, AMBASSADOR BENGELLOUN NOTED KING HASSAN'S AUGUST 20 SPEECH AND SAID MOROCCO WOULD NOT ACCEPT CREATION OF WESTERN SAHARA STATE HOSTILE TO MOROCCO. HE COMMENTED THAT FRANCE AND MOROCCO HAVE APPEALED TO NEW MAURITANIAN GOVERNMENT FOR RELEASE OF FORMER PRESIDENT OULD DADDAH, WHO IS EXPECTED TO RETIRE IN FRANCE. CHRISTOPHER

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